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SUBJECT: DANIEL CHIPENDA COMMENTS ON FNLA/UNITA AGREEMENT

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1. KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA PUBLISHES PRESS STATEMENT BY CHIPENDA
NOVEMBER 28 ON SUBJECT AGREEMENT. INFORMAL TRANSLATION
FOLLOWS:

2. "SHOWING REALISM, DEVOTION TO BASIC INTERESTS OF ANGOLAN
NATION, PRESIDENTS OF FNLA AND UNITA HAVE SIGNED AGREEMENT
IN KINSHASA CONCERNING BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR FUTURE ACTION
PRIOR TO ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMON FRONT
AMONG ALL ANGOLAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS REMAINS PRINCIPAL
CONCERN OF SO-CALLED "EASTERN REVOLT" GROUP OF MPLA.
CONVINCED THAT INDISPENSABLE UNITY AMONG ANGOLANS DEPENDS ON
AGREEMENT AMONG LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN
CARRYING ON THE ARMED STRUGGLE, AND WHICH OBTAINED
RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA'S RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE, SO-CALLED
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"EASTERN REVOLT" CONGRATULATES HEADS OF FNLA AND UNITA ON

THEIR BRAVE AND FAR-SIGHTED DECISION TO FORGET THEIR DIFFERENCES, THEIR HATREDS AND THEIR ANCIENT SUSPICIONS WHICH CAUSED DISAGREEMENT FOR MANY YEARS.

3. "DESPITE ITS JOY, "EASTERN REVOLT" CANNOT HIDE ITS DISTRESS. IN SPITE OF PROFOUND DIFFERENCES, AN AGREED PLATFORM HAS BEEN FOUND BETWEEN TWO MOVEMENTS, WHILE THE MPLA CONTINUES TO REMAIN DISUNITED. EASTERN GROUP CANNOT BE ACCUSED OF CONTRIBUTING TO SPLITS IN MPLA SINCE ITS LEADER (CHIPENDA) ELECTED LATELY AT THE FIRST LUSAKA CONFERENCE, SINCERELY DESIROUS OF RESTORING UNITY WITHIN MPLA, ACCEPTED AT SEPTEMBER 3 BRAZZAVILLE CONFERENCE TO CEDE HIS PLACE TO DR. NETO, CONTROVERSIAL ANGOLAN NATIONALIST FIGURE.

4. "IF UNITY ONCE AGAIN IS NOT ACHIEVED IT IS NOT FAULT OF MAN WHO, IN SPITE OF BEING DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED AT LUSAKA CONFERENCE, CONSIDERED IT PARTIOTICALLY NECESSARY TO GIVE UP HIS OFFICE, EVEN THOUGH THIS HARMED SACRED CAUSE OF ANGOLAN PEOPLE. NETO UNFORTUNATELY PERSISTS IN HIS BLIND HOPELESS POLICY OF CONSIDERING ANGOLAN NATIONALIST PROBLEMS A PERSONAL AFFAIR.

5. "IN VIEW OF LAMENTABLE FAILURE OF BRAZZAVILLE SEPTEMBER 3 AGREEMENT, WHICH NETO HAS SYSTEMATICALLY VIOLATED, COMMRAD CHIPENDA REASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY AS PRESIDENT OF MPLA IN LINE WITH HISTORIC DECISIONS OF FIRST MPLA CONGRESS IN LUSAKA, SO AS NOT TO SLOW DOWN DECOLONIZATION PROCESS OF ANGOLAN NATION.

6. "SO-CALLED "EASTERN REVOLT" GROUP WILL CONTINUE AS IN PAST TO MOBILIZE AND POLITICIZE THE PEOPLE AS LONG AS OTHER TWO FRACTIONS (OF MPLA) DO NOT SOLEMNLY DECLARE THEMSELVES READY TO DEFEND PRINCIPLES OF UNITY OF MPLA. WE DEMONSTRATED NEED FOR UNIT OF ANGOLAN NATIONALISM BY HELPING TO BRING ABOUT MEETING BETWEEN FNLA AND UNITA IN KINSHASA TO DISCUSS BASIC PROBLEMS OF OUR COUNTRY.

7. "IN THIS HISTORIC CONTEXT, SO-CALLED "EASTERN REVOLT" REAFFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION TO COOPERATE WITH COMMONPROGRAM ESTABLISHED DURING FNLA/UNITA MEETING IN KINSHASA, AND TO PURSUE SINCERE SEARCH FOR UNITY WITHIN MPLA FOR GOOD OF ANGOLAN
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PEOPLE."

8. ACCORDING TO DAILY SALONGO FOR NOVEMBER 29, CHIPENDA, IN REPLY TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER HE PLANNED TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH FNLA/UNITA, SAID MANY PROBLEMS WOULD FIRST HAVE TO BE RESOLVED WITHIN MPLA FIRST.

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